

Dear NBEPC Family:

What a powerful and Spirit-filled Holy Week we all experienced! It has been and continues to be such a joy to work with so many talented people to give praise and glory to God.

Holy Week began with the cantata. As two long-time members of the church remarked to me afterwards, it was one of the best musical and choral works they had ever experienced at the church. Behind the scenes, I know choir members and Dawn, Scott and I as narrators felt the power of the Holy Spirit working through each and every aspect. For example, God used Ashley powerfully in having her literally transpose music for the instruments that she brought in that Sunday. It was incredible.

On Maundy Thursday, we all experienced the reenactment of the Lord's Supper. This has been done many times over the years, but this year, Nathan Book added in some special effects depicting the torment going on in Judas' mind at Jesus' betrayal. Each of the men in their apostolic roles were outstanding, as were the director and producers — Debi Fynes and Lori Smith.

Good Friday brought the second time the Tenebrae (the service of darkness) was presented to the church. I am grateful to Donna for directing our quartet, to Gary, Dennis and Sam who participated with me in the quartet, to Nathan once again for his special effects, and to Ashley for her compelling rendition of "Via Delarosa."

And what a cold but wonderful Saturday with the Easter Egg Hunt and all the volunteers who participated! I know I join Elders Greg McMillan and Bob Shafer in stating that from crafts, to snacks, to puppets, to the indoor Easter Egg hunt itself, it could not have been done without you.

Finally, please join me in praying for all those non-church-goers who attended the Easter Sunday services this year, and got to feast on the wonderful breakfast that was provided between services by the Worship Committee. It has been my goal in ministry, every Christmas and Easter, to gear the special "point and play" messages extensively to unbelievers. I pray that seeds were planted, watered or harvested on that special Resurrection Day. And special thanks to the the Worship Team, the choir, Nathan and his crew, and all the volunteers involved on that day.

This spring, as we continue in our ongoing quest to grow in the knowledge of God's plan and make application to our lives, I praise God that He has led me to two sermon series diving us back into the Old Testament. The first, to be introduced on May 1, is "Back to the Future," from the book of Haggai. Haggai was a prophet God raised up to help Israel complete the temple after their exile. The purpose of the series will be to encourage you, despite going through things that can discourage, to go back to your future hope: the hope of heaven, the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit, and the chance to know that your future is guaranteed by Jesus.

Following this and leading up to Pentecost Sunday, we will explore some of the more heartfelt psalms found in the Bible with a series called, "Where Are You?" My prayer is that, as we read the dilemmas and then the assurances that the psalmists are lead to near the end of each missive, God may use it to give hope for people in what they may be going through.

As always, let me state again how much of a blessing it is for Connie and I to be with you in transitional ministry. We love you all.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Heard a report from Pastor Dan regarding the Vision Team's progress.
- Approved a bid from Royalty Lawn and Tree LLC for yard maintenance.
- Approved the baptism of Ronan Kaufman, son of Carrie (Bretz) and Shane Kaufman on May 8, 2022.
- Approved the wedding of Taylor Skelding and Ozzy Brown on June 4, 2022 at the church
- Announced that the church will serve as a backup location in case of rain for the community Memorial Day Service on Saturday, May 28.
- Announced that 101 people were served communion on Maundy Thursday.
- The Session will meet with members of the Confirmation Class and their families on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The Deacons will provide a meal.
- Approved a combined worship service at 10:40 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday, June 5 with new members from the Confirmation Class joining the church.
- Approved a joint mission trip between our youth group and the youth group from Faith Presbyterian (PCUSA) this summer.
- The Evangelism Committee thanked all participants of the Easter Egg Hunt, especially Lori Jones for leading the crafts.
- Approved a presentation on Fentanyl by Just One – Vision Ministries on May 22 after the second worship service from noon to 1 p.m.
- The next EPC Presbytery of the Alleghenies meeting will be held at Bethany EPC in Mercer on May 7.
- The EPC General Assembly meeting will be held on June 21-24 at Ward Church in Northville, MI.

Birthdays in May

5/02 – Debi Fynes
5/05 – Grant Dieter
5/05 – Zoey Janoski
5/08 – Ed Miller
5/08 – Maelee Whiting
5/09 – Kim Runyan

5/12 – Doris Spence
5/14 – Duane Boyles
5/16 – Julie O'Brien
5/19 – Ashley Shaffer
5/22 – Brandilyn Buxton

5/22 – Owyn Harris
5/25 – Shirley Tremba
5/26 – Linda Porter
5/27 – Roy Komar
5/29 – Ron Tremba

Birthdays in June

6/01 – Karah Deal
6/07 – Lisa Craig
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
6/10 – Edison Horodyski
6/12 – Marissa Carr
6/12 – Ray Janoski

6/12 – June Smith
6/18 – Sam Varano
6/19 – Christian Fulkman
6/22 – Geniene Jones
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman
6/24 – Margie Matthews
6/25 – Rori Fulkman

6/25 – Shirley Sikora
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith
6/28 – Ashlynn McAllen
6/29 – John Anderson
6/29 – Dorothy Rishell



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

*Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized,
receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have
requested prayer.*



Lavon Rogers-----John XXIII Nursing Home
Larry Pence-----Shenango Home
Nancy Phillis-----Home
Erma Gorley-----Nugent's Nursing Home
Elizabeth Dehaven-----Home
Renee Persky-----Home
Gene Bicehouse-----Garden Way Place



THANK YOU to everyone that helped with this years Community Easter Egg Hunt and Activity day!! Whether you donated candy or helped with the activities, we could not have done this event without your help!!
-Evangelism Committee

As a church we believe in the value of summer camp for our children and youth. Many, many young people take significant steps of faith at Summer Camp. We encourage registering for Miracle Mountain Ranch or Seneca Hills Bible Camp. There are brochures for both camps on the table in the entryway or you can sign up online. To encourage children and youth to sign up for camp the church offers a ½ scholarship for camp. Sign up now to go to camp! Please call the office if you have any questions.



MISSION PRESENTATION/LUNCHEON

On May 22, 2022 from 12:00-1:00P.M., with lunch included, the Mission Committee is hosting a “Just One” presentation. This most important presentation is part of Vision Ministries (of L.C.) free outreach to educate both youth and all adults of the dangers of fentanyl laced drugs which continues to take numerous lives in Lawrence County and the rest of the U.S. Many of these lost lives did not have a history of drug addiction but lost their lives after taking their first pill or other drug laced with fentanyl. Vision Ministries goal(s) with their “Just One” presentation is not only to educate but also to, hopefully, prevent individuals; family, friends, neighbors, from going down the path of addiction and to save lives, even if its.....”Just One”.

Please do not miss this most important and possibly lifesaving presentation and please feel free to share this information and to invite others outside of NBEPC.

The Shenango Valley Chorale is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a spring concert on Sunday, May 15, 2:30PM, at the 1st United Methodist Church on Silver Street in Sharon. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Featured on the program will be John Rutter’s beautiful “Requiem” and a special anthem composed by Stephen Barr, the director of the Chorale, for the 50th anniversary celebration. Former director, Edgar Groves, will direct an anthem, and associate director, Joe Spurio, will also direct an anthem. Jim and Pam Maloney, and Julie Freeman Kerr and her husband, Jim, are members of the Chorale. We would love to see folks from New Bedford Church in the audience.

MEMORIAL DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 126rd annual New Bedford Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 11:00a.m. at Memorial Park near Hopewell Cemetery in New Bedford. A parade will precede the program. All veterans in the area are welcome to ride on the float in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone who has a vintage/classic car is also encouraged to join the parade. Parade participants will be meeting in the parking lot of the old New Bedford School near the Lion's Park by 10:15a.m. The parade should start by 10:30. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come honor our veterans at the parade and to stay for the heart-warming service at Memorial Park.

The Worship Committee will once again have a Memorial Day slide presentation. If you did not submit a photo the past couple years of yourself or your family member that is currently serving in the military or is a veteran, please email a photo to newbedfordchurch@gmail.com or bring a picture into the church office so that we can scan it for the slideshow. Thanks!





THANK YOU: To all the PEOPLE that helped **EGG** houses



ON THE CASE VBS

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June 6-9, 2022

5:15-5:55 Dinner

6:00-8:00 VBS

JUST THE FACTS:

People are needed to decorate, lead, and pray for VBS.

VISIT the VBS table in the vestibule for:

VBS Prayer Calendar

VBS Volunteer Sign Up

VBS Workday Sign Up

VBS Work Days

Tuesdays, May 10, 17, & 31 from 10:00am-12:00pm will be VBS work days. Help with preparing decorations, nametags, craft items, and anything & everything VBS. If you are able to come and help for 1 week, 2 weeks, or all the weeks let me know. All skills are needed. Come together with a friend and enjoy time together while we prepare for the VBS ministry. Sign up in the vestibule for the day that you plan on helping.

New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church 151 Woodland Dr. Pulaski PA 16143

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Register by May 22nd for a mystery prize

REGISTER: Return this form to church office **or** register at myVBS.org/NewBedfordEPC



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VBS REGISTRATION FORM – CHILDREN PREK-GR. 6

Child's Name _____ Grade Completed: _____ /Age: _____

Allergies/Medical Needs: _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth: YXS YS YM YL Adult: AS AM AL AXL

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How many will be attending dinner each night? Please write the number in the blank.

This is to assist with our planning. All are welcome to come even if you don't know at time of registering.

_____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name of Home Church, if any _____

Name and Phone Number of Person Responsible for Picking up Child after VBS:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Call the church office 724-964-8055 to sign up for Van Transportation

For more info contact Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 or dawnhnbpc@aol.com



***** *EPIC* *****
EXPERIENCED PEOPLE IN CHRIST

11:00 Bible Study - Leader - Lee Harris

Current Study: David - 1 Samuel

12:00 LUNCH

May 5 - Lunch Provided

May 19 - Lunch Provided

1:00 Game Time

DAVID - SIGHT AND SOUND - LANCASTER - MAY 24 AND 25

Note: Bus is full and will be leaving the church at 6:30 a.m. on the 24th. A big Thank You to all who signed up to join EPIC in their journey to Lancaster. Please keep all who will be traveling in your prayers.

Many Blessing to all on Mother's Day



THANK YOU to our Military - past and present - for their willingness to protect and serve our county so that we may all continue to enjoy our freedom of religion.



Upcoming Youth group dates:

May 15th

May 22nd *

May 29th

All times are 1-3pm

***There is a parent meeting
scheduled for May 22 @3pm.
We will be discussing summer
plans so please make every
effort to attend.**



Saturday, May 14, 2022

4:00-7:00 PM

Menu: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread &
Dessert

Meal Prices:

Large - \$10 Small - \$5

Where: New Bedford EPC

151 Woodland Dr.

Pulaski PA, 16143

Drive Thru ONLY

Starting April 10th - Pre-sale tickets will be
available after both church services or you
can make reservations by calling the church
office 724-964-8055.

Payment collected at pick-up.

Reservations not needed but appreciated

**All proceeds benefit the
NBEPC Youth Mission Trip**

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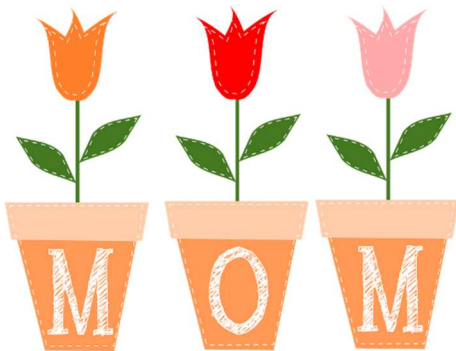
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Church website: www.newbedfordepchurch.org
Church e-mail: newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com

 **New Email**



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

**8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service
9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service**